

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

November 29, 2012

9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)

Chesapeake Bay Program Office

Annapolis, Maryland

Conference Call Number: 866.299.3188, Code: 410.267.5731

Virtual Meeting Room: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/agwg/>

Calendar Event Page: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/18692/>

09:30	Welcome and Introductions	Coale
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09:40	AgWG Meeting Minutes	Coale
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Due to a delay in finalizing the minutes from the October 11, 2012 workgroup meeting held at the Chesapeake Bay Program Office, the approval of the draft minutes will be addressed at the next scheduled meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

09:45	Agricultural BMP Verification Process	Coale/Dubin
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Frank and Mark Dubin, AgWG Coordinator, will provide an overview of the workgroup's progress to date on the development of an agricultural BMP verification protocol and the proposed process/schedule for incorporating the partnership's recommendations into a finalized protocol.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

09:55	Revised Agricultural Verification Protocol Concept	Coale/Dubin
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Frank and Mark will present a revised verification protocol concept for the consideration of the workgroup. The revised concept is based on the key findings of the Tt draft summary report, the comments provided from the jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional representatives on the previous draft agricultural verification concept, and the guidance received from the BMP Verification Steering Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:15	Agricultural Verification Protocol - Partners	Coale
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Frank will facilitate an open discussion from the perspective of the state agency representatives on their reviews of the revised draft agricultural verification concept. The discussion will encompass all forms of agricultural BMPs, cost shared as well as non-cost shared practices.

Order of Comments: Virginia

West Virginia
Maryland
Delaware
Pennsylvania
New York

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 11:15 Agricultural Verification Protocol - Partners Coale**
Frank will facilitate an open discussion from the perspective of the non-state partner representatives on their organizational reviews of the revised draft agricultural verification concept. The discussion will encompass all forms of agricultural BMPs, cost shared as well as non-cost shared practices.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 11:45 Agricultural Verification Protocol - Recommendations Coale**
Frank will seek a motion and a consensus decision on a preliminary agricultural verification protocol matrix. The approved preliminary protocol will be further developed over the next several months into a comprehensive verification document for final review and approval during the February 2013 workgroup meeting. As per the July 19, 2012 meeting recommendations of the AgWG, focused outreach on the preliminary protocol will be conducted with the agricultural community leading up to the February meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 12:15 Luncheon Break**

- 01:00 Poultry Litter Subcommittee Update Glancey/Long**
Jim Glancey, PLS chair, and Bobby Long, Virginia DCR, will present poultry litter nutrient concentration data and trends for Virginia poultry operations as part of the PLS efforts to develop enhanced regional information on poultry litter production.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

- 01:15 Chesapeake Bay Mid-Point Assessment Priorities Coale/Dubin**
Frank and Mark will briefly review the workgroup's priorities in relation to the decisions by the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's (WQGIT) decisions from the October 22-23, 2012 meeting near Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

01:25 Mid-Point Assessment: Phase 6 Models Shenk
Gary Shenk, EPA-CBPO Modeling Team, will discuss how the WQGIT ranked mid-point assessment priorities, and specifically the Agriculture Workgroup proposed priorities, will be utilized to direct and inform future partnership tools and decisions.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

01:40 Agricultural Land Uses Claggett
Peter Claggett, USGS Land Use Workgroup Coordinator, will discuss the Agriculture Workgroup and the WQGIT's highest ranked priority: the reevaluation of land use categories and loading values for the Phase 6 Chesapeake Bay Program models. The recently formed Land Use Workgroup (LUWG) will be focused on the reevaluation and assisting with coordination between land use sectors.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

02:00 Chesapeake Bay Mid-Point Assessment Priorities Coale/Dubin
Frank and Mark will review the workgroup's draft mid-point assessment work plans and schedules to address each of the agriculture sector appropriate mid-point assessment priority recommendations. The proposed work plans will be submitted to the WQGIT for the December 10, 2012 review meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

02:30 Joint USDA/EPA CB Data Collaboration Work Plan Norfleet/Shenk
Dr. Lee Norfleet, USDA, and Gary Shenk, EPA, will outline the key commitments in the existing USDA/EPA Chesapeake Bay Data Collaboration Work Plan and how it relates to the specific agricultural mid-point assessment priorities. They will discuss a process and schedule for ensuring full Agriculture Workgroup participation in implementing the work plan.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

02:45 Urban Nutrient Management Panel Recommendations Schueler
Tom Schueler, Urban Stormwater Workgroup Coordinator, will present the draft findings of the Urban Nutrient Management Panel for consideration by the workgroup from an agricultural perspective. The cross-sector discussion is in fulfillment of a request by the partnership to ensure a balanced approach between the urban and agricultural management of nutrients in the CBP models. Tom will also briefly present the draft panel recommendations on urban stream restoration.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

03:15 **Review of AgWG Recommendations** **Dubin**
The members will review and finalize the workgroup's meeting recommendations for endorsement and implementation.

ACTION REQUESTED: Finalized Workgroup Recommendations

03:30 **Adjourn**

Conference Call Materials:

Participants are requested to review the materials posted on the AgWG webpage for the meeting. Some documents may be posted just prior to the meeting, so please check back.

Agenda Schedule:

The meeting agenda is reflective of known information at the time of publication and may be subject to change due to other circumstances. Additional agenda items may be added if time is available.

Luncheon Information:

Workgroup members may either bring their lunch to the meeting room, or utilize one of the food establishments nearby.